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IN RE APPLICATION OF
YOUNG ET AL.

Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Schmidt, M.

APPLICATION NO: 09/237,291

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FOR: EXPANDED AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED POPULATIONS OF
HUMAN HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of January 4, 2001 in the above-identified application had a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 4, 2001. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

In response to the Office Action, the Applicants are concurrently filing a request for a continued prosecution application (CPA) of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application is hereby expressly abandoned, as of the filing date granted to the CPA, provided that this petition for extension of time be approved and that the CPA be granted a filing date.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$890 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

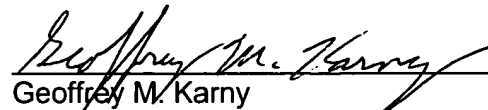
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